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Idaho students can Picture My Future through art contest

(BOISE) – Students in grades 7 through 12 throughout Idaho are invited to envision their future after high school and share that vision with artwork that answers the question, “What Does College or Career Ready Mean to Me?”

“I am constantly encouraged by the aspirations and creativity of our students as they look toward the future they will shape,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said. “Our job at the State Department of Education is to support schools and students to achieve, so it is wonderful to see how they picture their future in higher education, career or other pursuits.”

Students in grades 7 through 12 throughout Idaho are encouraged to depict their personal visions of life after high school through the Picture My Future art contest. Now in its fifth year, the contest was previously known as Investing in My Future.

This year, students may opt to submit their artwork online rather than mailing it in. Mailed entries must be postmarked by Tuesday, Jan. 14, to ensure they’re received in time for judging. Online submissions are due by midnight Friday, Jan. 17.

The winning Picture My Future artwork will be displayed in a State Department of Education publication and on the SDE website. Contest rules include:

1. Entrants must be Idaho public school students, grades 7-12.
2. Artwork should visualize the student’s dreams for his or her future after high school.
3. Artwork should not include copyrighted images.
4. Entries should be submitted in an 8.5” x 11” portrait format.
5. Artwork must be labeled with the student’s name and grade, teacher’s name and the district and school that the student attends.
6. Students may use any medium or combination of mediums they choose (paint, pencil, digital, etc.).
7. Students must be advised that entry into this contest waives all copyrights of their entries and gives the State Department of Education permission to republish the art without compensation.
8. Artwork will not be returned.

9. Winning entries will be displayed in a State Department of Education publication, and on the SDE website, www.sde.idaho.gov.
10. Submissions must be postmarked by Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020 and mailed to:
Idaho State Department of Education
Attn: Karli Bennett
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0027
11. Entries may be submitted electronically by midnight Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, as Adobe PDF documents (produced using the “High Quality Print” setting) using the form on [the SDE website’s Picture My Future page](#).

Questions may be directed to Karli Bennett at 208-332-6812 or kbennett@sde.idaho.gov.

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Attachment: Last year’s first-place winning artwork by Rebekah Smith of Malad High School